

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,  
April 19, 1926.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance has held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, April 19, 1926, and was called to order at 8:p.m. by President Deininger. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Post, Smith and Deininger. Absent: None.

As it had been advertised that bids for the construction of a firehouse and offices would be opened at this time, President Deininger called for same.

The Clerk opened the bids and read as follows:

Reid, Ritchie & Alexander	\$ 19400.00
Chas. W. Pettifer Co.	18980.
G. P. Kristenson	17985.
G. L. Boward	18900.
Harry J. Rinnert	17700.
Moore Construction Co.	20725.
Bell & Justice	20300.
Gene B. Foster	18381.
Morthland Construction Co.	19950.
Nead Construction Co.	19483.
W. L. Reeve	20164.
T. O. Clark	24963.
Chas. E. Rowe	21227.
Jules W. Markel & Son	17668.
H. B. Eachus	18684.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the above bids be referred to the City Engineer for investigation and report at the next meeting. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 5, 1926, were read and approved as read.

A letter from the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Co. requesting the abandonment of certain streets and alleys for a certain time, was referred to the Planning Commission on motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Smith, and a majority vote.

The Industrial Housing Corp. requested, by letter, the changing of liens on certain lots as formerly described to apply on the same property, but under a new description, as the lots had been resubdivided.

Trustee Smith moved that the City Engineer and the Clerk be authorized to make the necessary changes, if found proper. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A written request from the local Chamber of Commerce to make a boulevard stop on the north side of Torrance-Redondo road at the intersection of Hawthorne Ave. was read.

On motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, and a majority vote, the matter was referred to the proper committee for investigation.

The application of I. V. Thorpe for a position on the Police department was referred to the proper committee on motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Smith, and a majority vote.

The application of the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Co. for permission to install a power line across the intersection of Cherry Ave. and Camino Real was granted on motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Smith and a majority vote.

On Engineer Jessup's recommendation so to do, Trustee Fitzhugh moved that all bids for the erection of a firehouse and offices, except the three lowest--Kristenson, Rinnert and Markel--be rejected. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Brooks reported that the P. E. had received authority for the expense of improving Redondo Blvd. between Western and Post and that the company proposed to do the work themselves.

Trustee Post reported that he had turned the recommendations of the local contractors, regarding license fees, over to the City attorney.

Attorney Briney stated that the amendment to the license ordinance provided for a bond of \$1000.00 and a license fee of \$24.00 per year.

Engineer Jessup reported that it would be impossible for Mr. Dunlop to connect up with the gas line of the Midway Gas Co. as this would make a public utility of them which is not allowed except in extreme cases; that he would follow the matter up;

that there were difficulties in the way of cutting off part of the lights on Redondo Blvd. as a new transformer and new ground connections would be necessary at a cost of some \$500.00 to the City, but that he was still looking into the matter and thought other arrangements might eventually be made.

Attorney Briney reported that there was a seeming discrepancy in the amount of road tax due the City on account of annexation--the County had submitted figures which did not compare favorably with the figures compiled by Mr. Hyde; that he wished to report progress and check the figures again;

that he could see no reason why the Salvation Army should not be allowed to build in the business district if the building is erected according to ordinance; that he had submitted a written report on this matter which had been handed to the Clerk.

Trustee Brooks moved that the Salvation Army be issued a building permit conforming with the fire ordinance, if they make application. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney also reported that, in the matter of the request of the Veterans' Welfare Board to remove assessments from Lot 23, Block 16, it would be necessary to ask the County Assessor to remove the assessments and that the City would have to pay the assessments themselves.

As no objections had been filed against the vacating of a portion of the alley in Block 15,  
Trustee Smith introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 134  
VACATING PORTION OF ALLEY IN BLOCK 15, TORRANCE TRACT  
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Attorney Briney dictated:  
RESOLUTION NO. 283

RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance that Specifications No. 26, for construction and installation of gas engine mufflers, this day presented to this Board, be, and the same are hereby, approved and adopted. The same being specifications referred to in Ordinance No. 132.

Trustee Smith moved that Resolution No. 283 be adopted as dictated and a copy of same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Post, Smith, Deininger.  
NOES; Trustees: None.  
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Attorney Briney stated that he was still negotiating with the Casualty Co. on the auto accident; also that he would like more time on the 33 inch water main.

Mr. Klusman suggested that all bids be rejected and the building of the fire station be given to Torrance contractors. Attorney explained why this could not be done.

President Deininger called for the canvassing of votes of the election of April 12, 1926.

After same had been canvassed, Attorney Briney read;

RESOLUTION NO. 284  
DECLARING RESULT OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION  
HELD APRIL 12, 1926

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Resolution No. 284 be adopted as read and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Post seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Post, Smith, Deininger.  
NOES; Trustees: None.  
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Smith moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Post, Smith, Deininger.  
NOES; Trustees: None.  
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that a recess be declared. Trustee Post seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The meeting was again called to order and, as per Resolution No. 284, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Inman and Mr. Wolfe took the oath of office as Trustees, Mr. Bartlett as Clerk and Mr. Dolley as Treasurer.

The new Trustees took their chairs and Trustee Dennis moved that Trustee Brooks act as permanent President of the Board.

Trustee Brooks stated that he appreciated very much the honor that would be conferred upon him, but felt that the interests of the City might better be served if a man who could be in the City a major portion of the time were chosen.

Trustee Inman moved that Trustee Dennis act as permanent President of the Board. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The first business of the new Board, under President Dennis, was the reading, by the Clerk, of the resignation from the Board of Trustee Smith.

Trustee Inman stated that he had been to many surprises, but did not expect to meet such a surprise as this so suddenly; that it was like taking a hub out of a wheel; that Mr. Smith stood high in the estimation of his fellow men and that he knew it was Mr. Smith's personal wish only that caused him to resign, and moved that the resignation of Trustee Smith be accepted with regrets.

Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None. Trustee Smith did not vote.

Trustee Wolfe moved that T. F. Foley be appointed to serve as Trustee for the unexpired term caused by the resignation of Mr. Smith. Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

After taking the oath of office, Trustee Foley assumed his place with the Board and stated that he certainly appreciated the honor of serving the City of Torrance and was going to do all in his power to make his small part a factor in the City's success and that he was heartily in favor of the platform endorsed by his fellow Trustees.

Being called upon, the retiring Trustees made gracious farewell speeches, expressing their loyalty to the City and feeling sure of its continued success.

The following committees were appointed by President Dennis:

Finance committee: Foley, chairman, Brooks and Wolfe.

Ordinance " : Brooks " , Foley and Inman.

Police, Fire & Lights  
committee: Inman " , Brooks and Wolfe.

Street, Sewer & Parks  
committee: Wolfe " , Foley and Inman.

President Dennis stated that he was glad to see so many citizens present tonight and that he would be glad to have them present at all the meetings of the Board in the future; that they had been elected by a majority of the people and felt that they were accountable to the people directly and that Mr. Foley was accountable to the rest of the Board; that the different committees were composed of three members each and that three members would always decide a question--it not being left to one man to decide.

At 10:00 p.m., Trustee Brooks moved to adjourn. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A. H. Bawert  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

[Signature]  
President of the Board of Trustees  
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